



Press Release

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Leesburg International Airport Foreign Trade Zone Approved

The City of Leesburg has received Federal approval for a foreign trade zone at Leesburg International Airport. The Grant of Authority was signed by Secretary of Commerce Penny Pritzker on January 5, 2015.

These federally designated zones provide significant financial benefits to local businesses that import and export items, reducing or eliminating duties and fees for products shipped internationally. Private companies operating in foreign trade zones also may utilize streamlined customs procedures, making work faster and easier to accomplish. Offering U.S. Customs and Border Protection at the airport is one of the reasons Leesburg International Airport was eligible for a foreign trade zone.

The establishment of a foreign trade zone will not only assist businesses at the airport, but the benefit has also been extended to Leesburg's Industrial and Technical Park located at the intersection of County Road 470 and Florida's Turnpike. This will allow companies that may need a larger footprint than is currently available at the airport to locate at the CR 470 Commerce Park and still take advantage of the opportunities offered by the foreign trade zone.

"This is an exciting development for Leesburg. It will drive businesses to both the airport and the CR 470 Commerce Park as well as helping with overall economic development in Lake County. Allowing companies to clear U.S. Customs at the airport and take advantage of the foreign trade zone, provides new opportunities for our existing businesses and is a great tool for recruiting new businesses," said Leesburg Mayor Elise Dennison.

Leesburg International Airport joins more than 250 other foreign trade zones based in major ports of entry around the country including Orlando International Airport, Orlando-Sanford International Airport, Cape Canaveral, Miami and Pensacola.

"I am pleased that Leesburg has been approved and designated as FTZ 292. Soon I will be updating the Airport website with valuable information for potential zone users and the benefits to those users and the public," said airport manager Tracey Dean.

For more information about Leesburg's proposed foreign trade zone, contact Tracey Dean at (352) 728-9786, ext. 1130.

Leesburg is a progressive city of more than 20,000 residents in northwest Lake County. The city government serves twice as many people with its electric, gas, water, wastewater and fiber-optic public utilities. Leesburg also is a central hub for commerce, attracting 50,000 people to work each weekday. For more information, visit www.leesburgflorida.gov.

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